



Darin Martinez Scholarship 2023 Fact Sheet

This scholarship honors the memory of Darin Martinez, an English teacher at North Kansas City High School who was loved by both his students and his colleagues. It will assist a graduating senior who shows strength of character, perseverance, a solid work ethic and the ability to give it his/her all, even in the face of adversity. Darin lost his brave battle with squamous cell carcinoma on December 21, 2017. His wife Emily and sons Miles and Max continue to make their home in the North Kansas City School District.

Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2023
Number of Recipients: At least one annually
Scholarship Amount: \$500, Renewable for a 2nd year
Microsoft Forms Application Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/uC4vuXNm5G>
(Students must use their district account to access Microsoft Forms)

Eligibility:

- 1) You must be a graduating senior in North Kansas City High School's Class of 2023.
- 2) You must plan to pursue a degree at a technical school, community college or university.
- 3) You must have maintained a cumulative **GPA of 2.5** or higher during your high school career.

Required Documents:

- Complete the **Common Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Sn1zJj2AdX>
- Complete **the Darin Martinez Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.office.com/r/uC4vuXNm5G>
 - **Letter of recommendation** from someone who can speak to your character: mentor, employer, coach, or teacher. This letter can come from someone affiliated with North Kansas City High School but should **not** be from a family member or teacher within the English department.
 - **Essay:** Submit a typed 300–500-word essay discussing the role of perseverance and grit in your life. Select an obstacle, academic or otherwise, that you have faced and explain how you overcame it and used it as a moment of character development or growth.

Process: The selection committee will consist of Darin's wife, Emily Martinez, faculty from North Kansas City High School's English Department, and a representative from NKC-NEA. The recipient will be recognized during the Senior Honors Program held in May.

Payment: Payment will be made directly to the college or university the recipient will attend, pending submission of a letter of acceptance and student identification number to the North Kansas Schools Education Foundation, which holds the funds for the Darin Martinez Scholarship.

Questions? Contact:

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